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<b>Response to Rule 312 Communication</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 10 November 2006 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☒ entered.

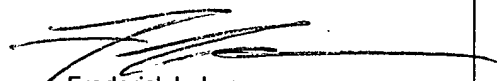
b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

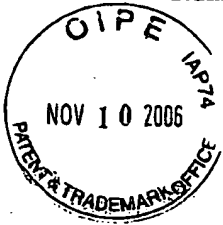
e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

  
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**Removable Maintenance Port and Method for Rehabilitating Manhole**



**Amendment B**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington DC 20231

Sir:

Applicants accept the Examiner's Amendment dated August 11, 2006, indicating that the Application claims priority from Provisional Application 60/225,579 filed 08/16/2000 (and noting that this Examiner's Amendment duplicates Applicants' Amendment A dated and received in the Patent Office on September 30, 2001, which also requested the benefit of the same Provisional Patent Application).

Applicants note that they previously submitted, with both the Provisional Patent Application (No. 60/225,579) and with the initial Patent Application, three (3) separate pages Styled "Brief Description of the Figures."

**PURSUANT TO RULE 312, APPLICANTS RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT THE ABOVE APPLICATION BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**

Please accept the "Amended Brief Description of the Figures" as a new replacement for the previously submitted Brief Description of the Figures.

Please amend the above application as follows:

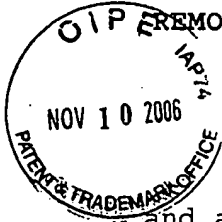
Drawings: Replacement Drawings are included: 8 sheets (formal).

Specification (Amended Description of Invention):

12 14  
P. ~~3~~, 1. ~~16~~ change "tying" to --Television viewing--.

12 22  
P. ~~4~~, 1. ~~4~~ change "eyeholes" to --bolt holes--.

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REMOVABLE MAINTENANCE PORT AND METHOD FOR REHABILITATING MANHOLE

~~AMENDED~~ BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES

The drawings that follow form a part of the specification and are to be construed in conjunction therewith. In the following drawings:

Fig. 1 is a perspective environmental view of one mode of a Removable Maintenance Port disclosed herein, illustrating said system connected to an in-ground sewer line.

Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional environmental view of a system, disclosed herein, taken generally along line 2-2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is an exploded perspective view of a system disclosed herein.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged, partial, cross-sectional view of an internal lower flange of a top unit of a system disclosed herein, at rest on a beveled top of a base unit of said system, with any gap between the inner diameter of the top unit and the outer diameter of the base unit sealed, as shown at circle 4-4 in Fig. 2.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a top unit of a system disclosed herein, in solid lines, including a lower internal flange shown by dashed lines; and further showing an alternative